

Tippecanoe County receives \$70.55 million in capital funding

As your state legislator and a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I have worked with area legislators to secure funding to benefit our community. Some of the projects are listed below:

Build Indiana Funds*



Rep. Sheila Klinker discusses legislation with a constituent.

Wabash River
Heritage
Corridor --
\$5 million

Wabash River
Parkway
Commission
-- \$10,000

Wabash
Landing
redevelopment,

parking facility -- \$625,000

Long Center for the Performing Arts
-- \$550,000

Tippecanoe County Volunteer Fire Department
-- \$150,000

Lafayette Trench Rescue -- \$100,000

Imagination Station renovation and
expansion -- \$49,000

Equipment for Wea Township Community Fire
Department -- \$30,000

Food Finders Food Bank: warehouse facility
construction -- \$20,000

Columbian Park Zoo -- \$20,000

Historic Renovation of Lafayette Theatre --
\$18,000

Tippecanoe County Historical Association --
\$7,000

Museums at Prophetstown -- \$375,000
the park received an additional \$6.5 million

City of Lafayette Fire Department for
purchase of equipment -- \$5,000

Lafayette Parking Facility -- \$700,000

Celery Bog Nature Center -- \$150,000

Dayton Summer Recreation Area -- \$50,000

** Build Indiana Projects are funded solely through lottery
and gaming revenues*

Higher Education

Ivy Tech - Lafayette Campus -- \$10.9 million

Purdue University:

Visual Performing Arts Building -- \$20.75
million

Boiler Upgrade -- \$18.5 million

Cooperative Extension Agents -- \$2.8 million

Local Roads

Tippecanoe County -- \$2.3 million

\$1.5 billion in tax cuts over the last five years

As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I worked closely on the biennial state budget bill in both 1997 and 1999. I have also voted for bills that offer additional tax relief for employers. I have detailed some of the tax cuts below.



- **Homeowners:** Property taxes on a taxpayer's principal place of residence can be deducted up to \$2,500.
- **Senior citizens:** The income tax deduction for most seniors was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Each qualified taxpayer (those with income less than \$40,000, single or joint filers) may take this deduction — meaning married couples may now deduct \$3,000 from their adjusted gross income. Many seniors also received an increase in the property tax deduction from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- **Dependent children:** The income tax deduction was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for dependent children under age 19 and full-time students under age 24. You may reduce your Indiana adjusted gross income for each qualifying dependent.
- **Inheritance tax:** Provides a \$100,000 deduction for each "Class A" beneficiary, which includes a child, parent, grandchild or grandparent.
- **Renters:** The renters' income tax deduction was increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000.
- **Small businesses:** Businesses will no longer have to "add-back" property taxes deducted on their federal returns.
- **Personal Property and Inventory tax cuts:** The inventory tax was eliminated for 87 percent of Indiana farms and businesses. All personal property up to \$12,500 of assessed value was exempted.
- **Property tax cuts:** The county welfare funds and the county welfare administration funds were eliminated from local property taxes.



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